

restriction requirement.

Applicant traverses the restriction requirement based on the following grounds. It is respectfully submitted that the restriction requirement practice was established to promote efficiency of prosecution in the United States Patent Office. Both groups of claims relate to methods and systems for the organization of samples without directly labeling the samples. More specifically, the present invention relates to a system for organizing samples without directly labeling these samples. The present invention relates to the system, methods relating to the system, and software utilized by the system. Since all of the claims relate to the organization of samples, it is entirely reasonable, and would not present an undue burden upon the Examiner, for the claims of all the groups to be maintained in a single application. It is respectfully submitted that prosecution of all of these groups of claims in a single application would be efficient, thereby promoting the grounds for establishment of the restriction requirement practice. Hence, it is respectfully submitted that restriction should not be required and that Applicant has traversed the restriction requirement. However, as stated above, Applicant has provisionally elected the claims of Group I, directed towards claims 1-20. Additionally, Applicant provisionally withdraws claim 21-24, without prejudice, pending reconsideration of the restriction requirement.

The present application is now in condition for allowance, which allowance is respectfully requested.

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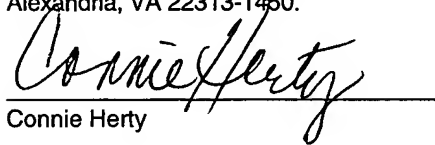
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